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November 17, 2004

Hon. James H. Welsh Commissioner of Conservation P. O. Box 94275 Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804

Re: Marg 36 Zone, Reservoir A, Lake Sand Field, Iberia Parish, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Commissioner:

Application is hereby made on behalf of Exxon Mobil Corporation to the Commissioner of Conservation for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, pertaining to the following matters relative to the Marg 36 Zone, Reservoir A, Lake Sand Field, Iberia Parish, Louisiana:

- 1. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Marg 36 Zone, Reservoir A, in the Lake Sand Field, Iberia Parish, Louisiana, and create four (4) drilling and production units of approximately 1280 acres each;
- 2. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases, and other property interests within the proposed units set forth in No. 1 hereinabove with each tract sharing in unit production in the proportion that the surface acres of said tract bear to the total surface acres included within the entire unit:
- 3. To consider such other matters as the Commissioner of Conservation may deem appropriate under the circumstances.

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The Marg 36 Zone is defined as that gas and condensate bearing zone encountered at 16,388 feet to the base of the logged interval (18,021 feet electrical log measurements) in the Exxon Mobil (formerly Exxon Corporation) - State Lease 1706 No. 23 Well, Township 17 South, Range 7 East, Iberia Parish, Louisiana, and between 17,752 feet and 20,330 feet in the Harris R. Fender - State Lease 6587 No. 1 Well in Section 18, Township 17 South, Range 5 East, Iberia Parish, Louisiana.

No request for the pre-application conference was received, and accordingly it was not held. Thus, no opposition is expected at the hearing in this matter.

In addition to furnishing the legal notice to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties, the applicant will provide for posting of the legal notice and unit plat in a prominent place in the area of Lake Sand Field. Additionally, the legal notice will be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the vicinity of Lake Sand Field at least fifteen (15) days before the hearing date.

All pertinent data relating to this proposed application may be obtained **AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY** from Mr. Charles G. Smith, 5743 S. Pollard Parkway, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70808, (225) 767-2240.

Attached hereto and made a part hereof are a plat outlining the proposed units in the Lake Sand Field, Iberia Parish, Louisiana, and a list of Interested Owners, Interested Parties and Represented Parties to whom a copy of this application is being sent. Pursuant to the Rules of Procedure, said plat and list are being sent to the Commissioner of Conservation and District Manager ONLY. However, copies of the plat and/or list will be provided to any party upon request. A reasonable effort has been made to ascertain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Interested Parties or Represented Parties. Also enclosed is our check payable to the Office of Conservation representing the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,

lames C. Bates

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JCB/cmf enclosures

cc: Mr. Richard Hudson

District Manager

Interested Parties Interested Owners Represented Parties

